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Sent: Sunday, August 01, 2004 12:36 AM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Subject: TV violence

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Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2004 11:22 PM
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I firmly believe that we are allowing children to see way too much violence on television. We are raising a very angry and violent generation.

Please stop allowing television violence during the times that children could be viewing!!!

Thank you,

Mary Bann

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